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Stop busting my butt

REGULATIONS

Owner says city should pay for cleanup instead of businesses

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's about to be cleanup or pay up for Toronto businesses as the city gets serious about cigarette butts on sidewalks.

City council has approved new rules that will require bars, restaurants and nightclubs to install outdoor butt-disposal bins and clean up butts left lying around. Businesses that don't comply could face a $300 fine.

Sparks are already flying over the policy.

"For the amount of taxes that they charge us, I don't know why it's difficult for the city to take care of cigarette butts on sidewalks," said Christine Whittick, co-owner of the Football Factory bar at Bathurst and Richmond.

Cigarette filters can take up to 12 years to break down naturally, the city notes. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

The bar already pays someone to clean up cigarette butts and other litter near the establishment.

"We will comply because it's our obligation," Whittick said about the new rules. "But the city needs to know small businesses don't always have the money to obey everything they ask for."

Cigarette butts, discarded chewing gum and the like are a growing problem in the city. The amount of what's dubbed "little litter" increased by almost 50 per cent between 2012 and 2014, according to an audit from the solid waste management.

Carleton Grant, director of policy at the city's licensing and standards department, said efforts will be made to advise businesses about the new rules before fines are levied.

BINS, BUT...

- More than 9,000 litter and recycling bins along Toronto streets have dedicated receptacles to capture cigarette butts.
- Still, cigarette butts accounted for more than a quarter of "little litter" on streets in 2014.

"This is also about educating the general public about the environmental dangers of littering," he said, noting cigarette filters aren't biodegradable and it can take up to 12 years before they break down naturally.

Getting the public on board could help the city's overall goal of reducing litter — and help businesses keep things neat and tidy.

After all, "bars aren't smoking," Grant said. "It's their patrons."

TRAILER PARK BOYS

BOOZING, TOKING AND WAITING PATIENTLY IN LINE

Mike Smith, as Bubbles, checks out a bottle of Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky at the Queen's Quay LCBO location on Thursday.

It's not every day you see a steady stream of customers swigging free quarter-shots of whisky in the morning at the LCBO, topped off with a pepperoni, cheese and chip chaser.

But then again, it's not every day that Ricky and Bubbles of the Trailer Park Boys come to town to hawk their own hooch.

Over 1,000 people lined up to take selfies with the boys at the Queen's Quay flagship store and get a $29.95 bottle of Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky signed.

Though Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne voiced concerns about the brand's cheeky advertising that emphasizes the boys' boozing and pot smoking, she needn't have been worried. In fact, the event was downright orderly as diehard fans patiently and politely waited for hours in line.

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

TTC workers may take job action after Nuit Blanche

The head of the TTC workers union says his members could escalate job action against the transit agency, following what appears to be an organized effort to decline overtime shifts during Nuit Blanche.

With hundreds of thousands of people expected to attend the city's annual all-night art event last weekend, the transit commission offered special service between 1:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday. The transit agency needed 40 employees to work the shift, but only nine out of more than 600 subway operators volunteered. The TTC had to enlist supervisors to drive the trains instead.

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Homeless man charged for wearing military outfit

Daniel Roy sat hunched over on the southeast corner of Bloor St. and St. George last week, legs outstretched, his head sinking to the ground between his knees.

In front of him was a sign that read: "Retired military. Sick and homeless. Please help."

Wearing a dark green military jacket decorated with insignia and a maroon beret, he thanked strangers that dropped coins into his small tin or stopped to bring him food, and gave the sign of the cross when a man handed him a $20 bill.

Roy, 49, was arrested and charged with unlawfully wearing a uniform of the Canadian Forces on Tuesday morning.

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Allergies prompt ban of fruits, chocolate in schools

Apple for the teacher? Not in some classrooms, where apples — and even peaches — are now forbidden fruits.

And forget chocolate at two elementary schools in Peel Region, where the sweet treat isn't welcome in any form because of a staff member's extreme reaction to the smell of it.

Food allergies and sensitivities have prompted a number of schools to turn to bans and restrictions, solutions some parents decry as unfair and impractical for the rest of the kids. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

#METROARTSCHALLENGE

Your teetering towers are top-notch

FOUND ART

You stacked up to our expectations and beyond

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

We love the idea that you all went to your shelves — or your local library — turned your heads to the side, and looked at your books in a new way.

You stacked them, spines out, and used the titles to tell us your autobiography, in poem form.

The entries we got for the Vertical Poetry Metro Arts Challenge stacked up to our expectations, and more. From cynical to fanciful, you outdid yourselves once again.

Your next challenge is also poetry-related, so we decided it would be appropriate to explain it in verse form:

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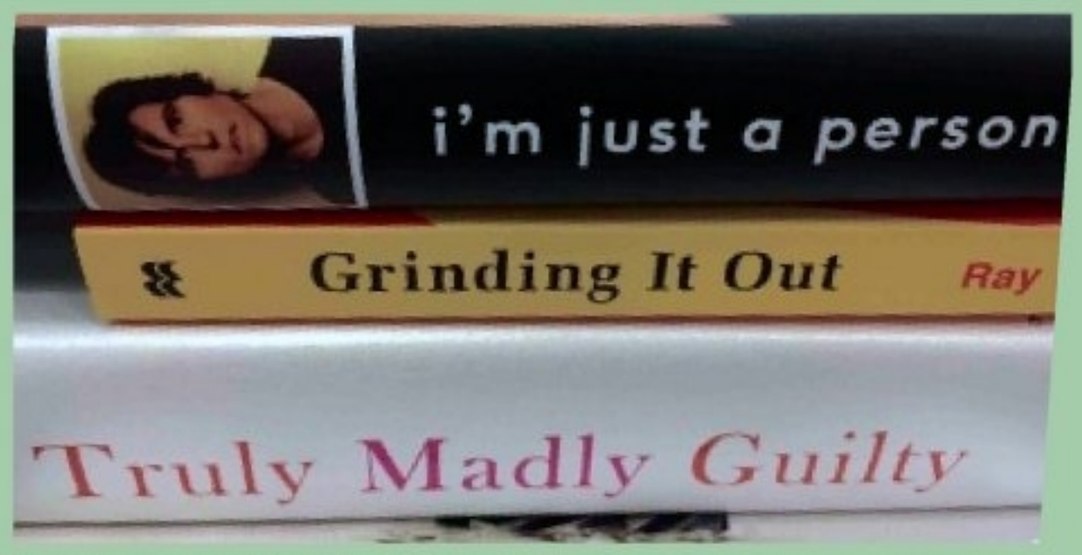

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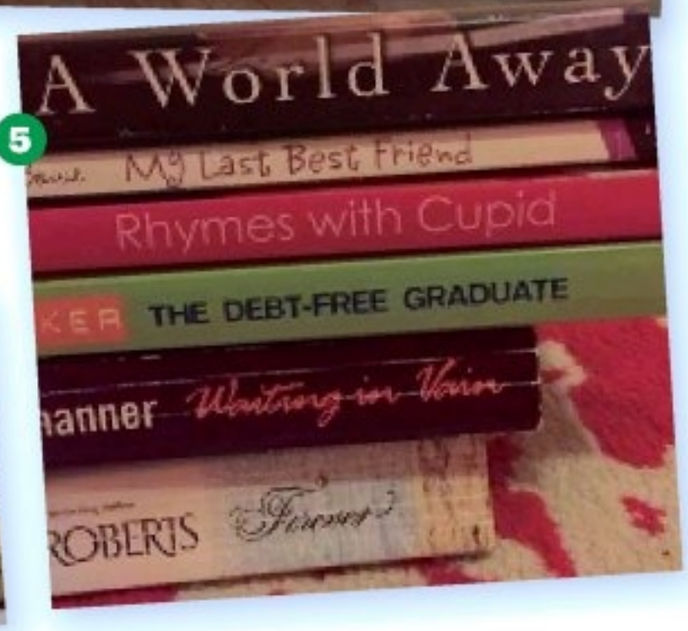

A few favourites
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2. Syeda Kabir
3. Karen Moeller
4. Marilyn Latzel
5. Niya Abdullahi
6. Abby Thompson
7. Donna Thompson

YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE

Write us a rhyming couplet (or ten!) with a Toronto theme. You might be a poet and not even know it (yet!). **Send your masterpieces to genna.buck@metronews.ca, or tweet @MetroNewsCanada. It's rhyme time!**

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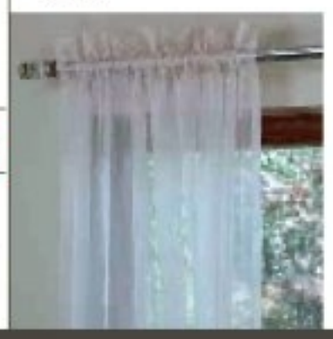

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Beer-thrower charged

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Surrenders himself while social media still buzzing

The man at the centre of a social media storm after a can of beer thrown from the stands narrowly missed Baltimore Orioles outfielder Hyun Soo Kim at the Rogers Centre has been charged with mischief.

Accompanied by two lawyers, Postmedia journalist Ken Pagan surrendered at Toronto police's 52 Division around 7:15 p.m. Thursday and was charged with one count of mischief.

Pagan did not speak to media, but his lawyers expressed concerns about the "trial by social media" their client was facing.

Lawyer Tyler Smith said his 41-year-old client, who will appear in court next month, is "fine."

Pagan's image was widely circulated on social media after police released an image of a man Wednesday they said was wanted in connection with the beer-throwing incident that outraged baseball fans across North America.

Ken Pagan arrives at 52 Division Thursday in relation to Tuesday night's beer-can incident. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But, while police have their suspect, the Internet is not so sure, and Internet sleuths kicked in with videos shared on Reddit and YouTube.

Starting from a wide-angle shot showing section 139 of the Rogers Centre, one video shows a silver streak crossing the frame. While it's impossible to identify any faces in the video, Pagan is clearly identifiable when the grainy images are cross-referenced with photos shot by Canadian Press photographer Frank Gunn.

Case closed? Not quite. Video surfaced, in which some people claim to see a woman hurling the brew before disappearing from the scene.

"We are confident we have made a positive ID and we will continue to work with the Rogers Centre," Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu wrote in an email to the Star.

In a statement released Wednesday afternoon, the team said it would be tightening its alcohol policies, and the culprit would be barred from the Rogers Centre in future.

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SPEAKING OF BEER...

It was cheaper to buy a seat for Friday's game in Texas than to drink a beer while watching at Rogers Centre. A look at stubhub.com showed there were seats available for the game in Arlington at Globe Life Park listed for as low as $8. A beer at Rogers Centre costs more than $10.

Cons of crowd-sleuthing

The hunt to find the Blue Jays beer-can-thrower has opened a debate over ethics and privacy about the dangers and benefits of crowd-sleuthing.

In the span of 48 hours, a man named Ken Pagan was identified as the suspect, vilified for unsportsmanlike behaviour, then became the subject of conspiracy theories and #beergate truthers who now defend him, believing police got the wrong guy.

There are many Matlocks on the Internet, but are they doing more harm than good?

"A word for this is 'vigilantism,'" said Graeme Hirst, a computer science professor at the University of Toronto. "(Another) that could be used is 'Internet lynch mob,' but, maybe, that's exaggerated in this case."

It's a classic, double-edged sword, Hirst said: spontaneous Internet crowdsourcing can certainly lead to bringing about justice, but also carries "all the risks of vigilantism."

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metroASKS: WHAT ABOUT THE AD?

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

We've all been focused on the can, but what about the ad in the photo? Metro reached out to Invesco for their thoughts on the unexpected publicity.

Aysha Mawani, the company's vice-president of corporate affairs, sent this statement: **This was an unfortunate event. It is purely coincidental that it occurred in front of Invesco's PowerShares ETF logo — it could just as easily occur in front of any other sponsor's signage. We don't believe any rational viewer would associate our logo, or any other logo for that matter, with the incident. We believe that sports should serve to bring people together to celebrate excellence on the field and we sincerely hope there are no similar incidents in the future."**

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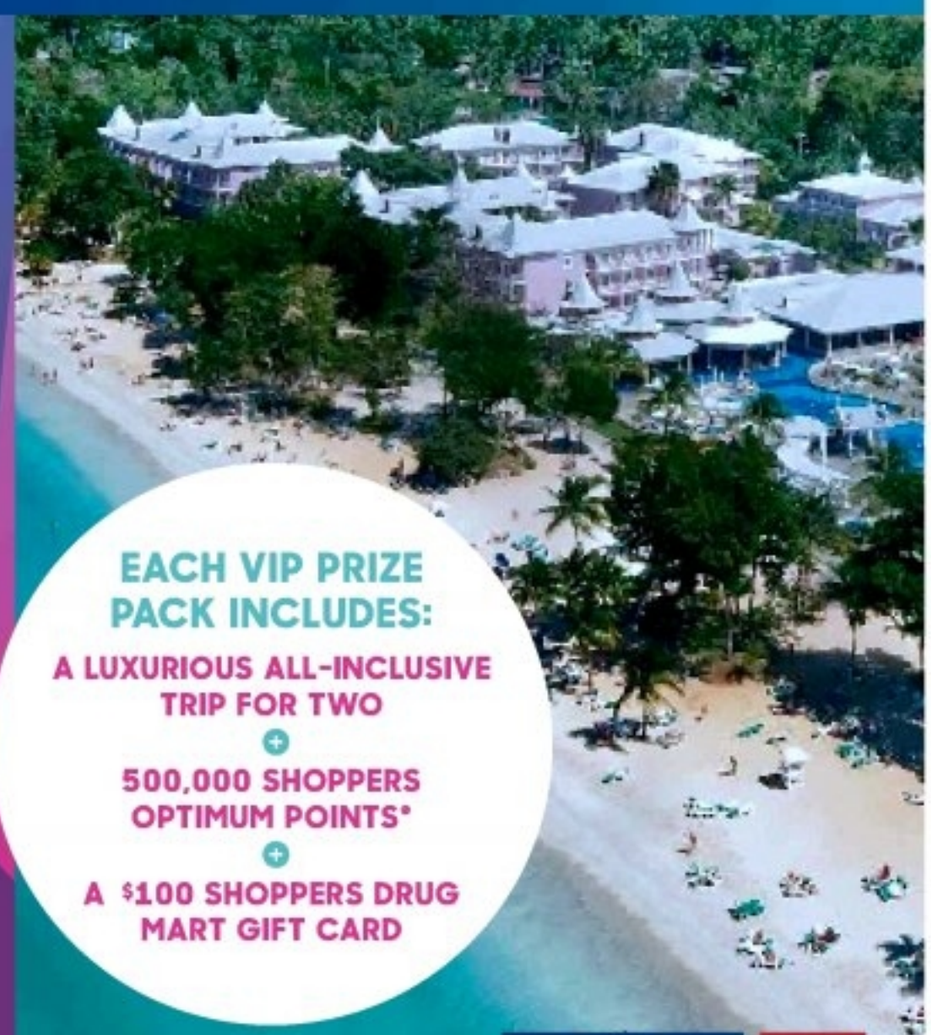

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A snapshot of global events

The World Press Photo exhibit has returned to Toronto and will be on display until Oct. 25 at Brookfield Place, featuring 141 thought-provoking images captured last year by the world's best photojournalists. There's plenty of dramatic — and just plain beautiful — images to take in. These are some of the top recommendations from Metro photographer Eduardo Lima.

Photographer: Kevin Frayer, Canada

The context: Smoke billows from stacks as men push a tricycle through a neighbourhood next to a coal-fired power plant in northern Shanxi province.

Why I love it: The image perfectly depicts China's dependency on coal energy and the human cost.

Photographer: Waren Richardson, Australia

The context: A baby is handed through a hole in a razor-wire barrier to a Syrian refugee who has already managed to cross the border from Serbia into Hungary near Röszke.

Why I love it: The barbed wire, the baby and the dad's facial expression epitomize the hard journey Syrian refugees have to endure in search of a better life.

Photographer: Chen Ji, China

The context: A large pit, wrecked vehicles and damaged buildings remain in the aftermath of explosions in the container storage station of a logistics company in the Port of Tianjin in northeastern China.

Why I love it: There's beauty in this impressive record of a man-made tragedy.

Photographer: Matic Zorman, Slovenia

The context: Refugee children in raincoats wait to be registered as they cross into Serbia last October.

Why I love it: The picture puts a tender face on what's been called the worst humanitarian crisis since the Second World War.

Photographer: John J. Kim, U.S.

The context: Lamon Reccord stares down a police sergeant during a march against police racial violence.

Why I love it: It's a shot that epitomizes the most recent wave of racial tension in America.

Doo Doo the clown was awarded a celebratory scroll from the city last year after, while in full clown attire, he rescued two women from an attack downtown. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Running clown gag no laughing matter

SCARE TACTICS

Toronto-based Doo Doo has had enough of the cuckoo

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

One of Toronto's most famous clowns has come out swinging in defence of his profession after a rash of spooky clown sightings across North America, including one this week in the city.

Doo Doo the clown, a.k.a. Shane Farberman, has been entertaining children and adults for about 35 years and was hailed a hero after rescuing two women from an attack in 2015.

He said he's seen scary clown sightings pop up over his career, but it's "snowballed" this year due to social media attention.

"It is tough, it bothers me," he said. "It's unacceptable for people to jump out, for people to scare children, that's disgusting."

Across North America and Europe, recent reports of chilling clowns, including one in South Carolina reportedly seen luring children into the woods, have put the public on edge.

So far there have only been two cases of scary clowns reported to Toronto police, said Const. Jeniffer Sidhu.

Police were called to Ossington Avenue and College Street on Wednesday where a boy dressed in a clown costume was "chasing and yelling and screaming with both arms flailing," at kids leaving a nearby school "in a very threatening manner," she said.

> When our profession gets twisted and reflected in a negative way, it's very difficult to recover.
> Helen Donnelly

He was "cautioned" by police but no charges were laid.

A report was also filed about a group called "Clowns of Toronto" allegedly making threats against several Toronto schools on social media, Sidhu added.

Farberman, who travels across the U.S. for work, added he's being a little bit more careful this fall about walking around in public while in costume.

And, he's not the only one raising alarms.

Toronto clown artist Helen Donnelly worries the creepy clown incidents are "potentially disturbing and even devastating" to her calling.

"When our profession gets twisted and reflected in a negative way, it's very difficult to recover," she said.

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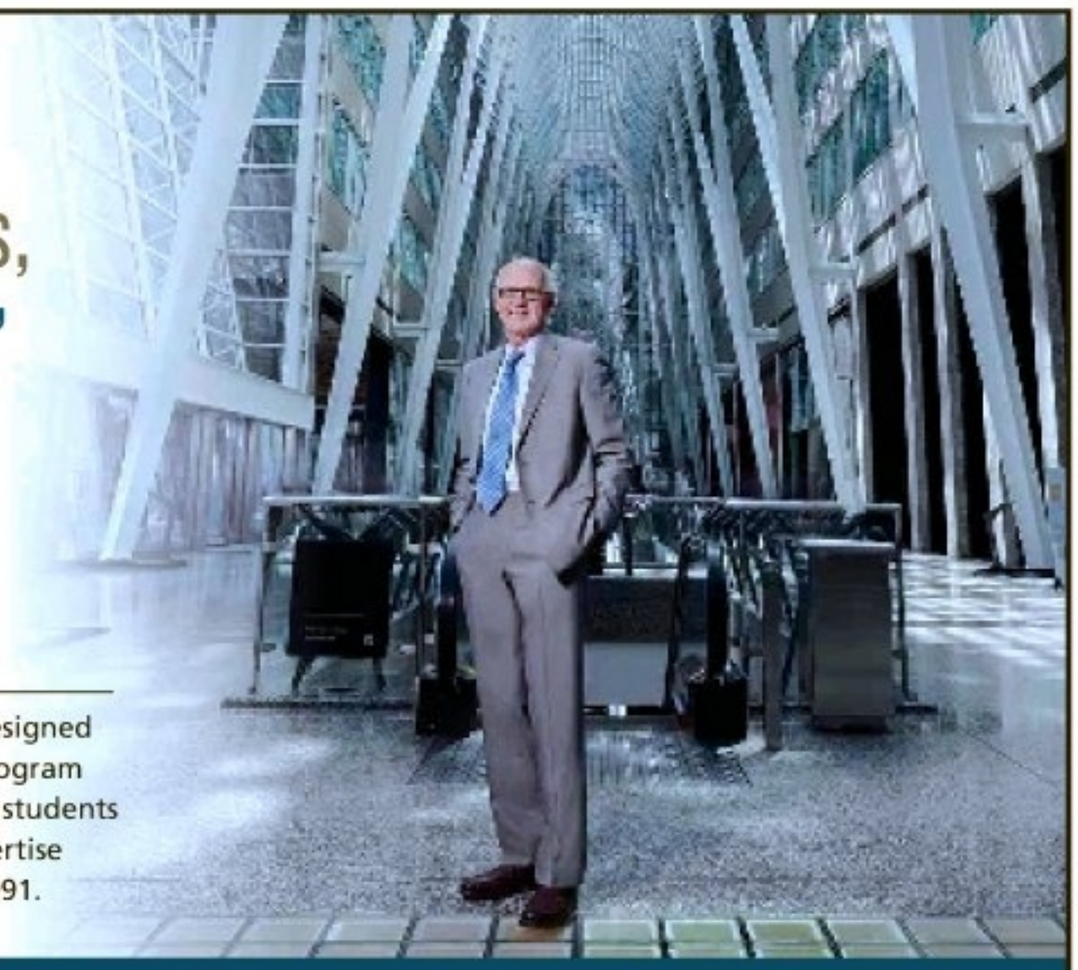

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Offering different view on city's scene

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

Curator's fresh perspective on artmaking from '71 to '89

Wanda Nanibush is the curator of Canadian and indigenous art for the AGO. The broad-ranging Toronto Art History survey, Tributes + Tributaries runs till May. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

History, the old truism goes, belongs to the winners, and a more ugly and dismissive credo you'll never find. It's also, sadly, mostly accurate, and the task of shading the past from black and white to the more fitting spectrum of grey is as Herculean a one as you'll encounter.

So this month, the Art Gallery of Ontario gets at the very least an "A" for just that effort. Toronto: Tributes + Tributaries, its highly subjective new take on Toronto artmaking between 1971 and 1989, adds to the city's already complicated history a breadth of revelation and surprise. It's notable for all kinds of reasons, but it's remarkable more for who it takes in than who it leaves out.

It is, to put it simply, a different view. Given its source, that's no surprise.

"I'm more of an outsider, I think, than others who've tried," says Wanda Nanibush, the AGO's newish assistant curator of Canadian and indigenous art, who's responsible for the show. "Culturally, I'm also a bit different, so that's also a factor."

That's one way to put it. Nanibush, who is Anishinaabe from the Beausoleil First Nation near Penetanguishene, brings to the museum a fresh perspective about victors and vanquished, to be sure.

To put a fine point on it, Tributes + Tributaries opens with a bang: a towering photo-portrait of Bear, son of First Nations artist Jeff Thomas, from 1984 against the crumbling brick of a downtown-Toronto streetscape. It sends a signal: historically, the city is where colonial reality begins, but it's also where theirs, as free indigenous people, ends.

The AGO has been kicking around a Toronto show for at least a dozen years, and the reticence is easy to understand. With its fractured scenes and multiple histories, a show under the broad rubric of "Toronto" is sure to offend someone, somewhere, somehow.

Add that the gallery has always suffered an insecurity crisis, quietly believing, in that very Toronto way, that being in Toronto was the only thing preventing it from being "world class," and the perfect storm starts building.

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THEATRE

Polymath's zombie play a meditation on humanity, fear

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Jonathan Sun, a.k.a. Jomny Sun. CONTRIBUTED

At the Factory Theatre this month, two of the Internet's favourite things are coming together: zombies and hilarious tweeters.

Dead End: The Play, directed by Michael Orlando and written by Jonathan Sun, opened Thursday and runs until Oct. 23. It follows two lone survivors of a zombie apocalypse. Armed with one bullet and one granola bar, they're backed into a corner by a bloody creature out for brains. And there's no way out.

Facing what the playbill calls "claustrophobia and impending doom," the characters turn to each other and the story transforms into a meditation on the nature of humanity, fear and survival.

Sure, it sounds a little weird. But it's not nearly as weird as Jonathan Sun's online personality. By day, he's a U of T engineering grad pursuing a PhD in urban planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His alter-ego on Twitter, Jomny Sun, has won the hearts of 181,000 followers with poorly spelled, yet sneakily profound tweets that manage to somehow give voice to everyone's inner insecurities and make them funny at the same time.

When asked what becomes a play, and what becomes a lecture at Harvard — just two of the vast array of products that come out of his brain — Sun said, "I treat the play with the same seriousness as I treat the PhD that I'm working on. If I there's an idea, and I think the play is the right medium to put that idea out there and explore it — it will like kill me, if I want to start but I can't.

"At the time I wrote it (starting in 2009), I was obsessed with the idea of putting all the characters in one room for whatever reason. There's a huge tradition in theatre where it's kind of like two people, on stage, sorting through stuff."

Dead End runs Tuesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Factory Theatre (125 Bathurst). Tickets are $25-$30 and Tuesday performances are pay-what-you-can.

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus Day 5: The way ahead

The solution right before us

Schools need to start treating sexual-assault survivors less as victims and more as experts

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

Five days is nowhere near long enough to talk about campus sexual assault.

In our week-long series, Metro has attempted to frame this ongoing crisis in a new way, to articulate how campus sexual assault is a national issue — even international — and to point out the gaping holes in our national response.

But there were many aspects we did not get to cover. We did not investigate how racism and sexual violence intersect. We did not talk about how gender identity and sexual orientation impact violence, opting for a mostly heteronormative stance as a way into the problems.

We did not report on harassment and sexual violence experienced by professors and employees, a group often left out of the discussion; nor did we investigate the role of men and boys in finding solutions.

If colleges, universities and our communities at large are ever going to be made safe, all of these must be taken into account. Which means no simple solutions but plenty of opportunity for improvement.

For Farrah Khan, one overriding question is how to tackle campus assaults as part of the larger culture of sexual violence.

"We need a continual commitment from every level of government that sexual violence isn't tolerated in Canada," said Khan, the co-chair of the Ontario Provincial Roundtable on Violence Against Women and the inaugural co-ordinator of sexual-violence education and support at Toronto's Ryerson University.

Khan is particularly concerned with creating more accountable responses, across sectors and workplaces and communities. It's lacking almost everywhere you look: in the military, in the RCMP, in medicine and, of course, in post-secondary schools, which often lack any one person tasked with accountability and oversight, leading to a dangerous dilution of responsibly.

But Khan worries schools will respond to mounting public pressure and provincial legislation by moving to a criminal model for adjudicating complaints, despite its abysmal track record, both in encouraging women to come forward to police and testify in trials and in meting out punishment against assaulters.

Meanwhile, it's clear universities and colleges need to start treating survivors less as victims and more as experts. They know the schools' shortcomings better than anyone.

Join The Fight

Tell your story and pressure your MP using **#safercampusnow** and follow the series online at **metronews.ca**.

> "It's ridiculous that nobody's stepping up, so that's what we're doing."
>
> Paniz Khosroshahy, women's-studies major at McGill University and sexual-assault survivor

An encouraging step in this direction was Lucia Lorenzi's inclusion on UBC's Sexual Assault Panel. An alumna and sexual-assault survivor, Lorenzi has become a vocal activist.

"It doesn't send a good message when universities continue to have antagonistic relations with survivors instead of welcoming the critique and work they're doing," she said.

Indeed, when Metro asked five different schools if they specifically sought the input of survivors in their new sexual-assault polices, none had.

Lorenzi wants to see basic, across-the-board standards for sexual-assault policies at all post-secondary schools in Canada, elements that can be adapted to fit each campus — large or small, with or without residences, urban or rural. And, like Khan, she wants accountability.

"I think it can be a two-step thing," she said — an arm's-length, provincial oversight committee, which reviews campus policies and responses, and a federal level to "make sure policies aren't just approved by people serving the interests of the university."

Recurring asks from advocates

1. **Universal standards**
2. **Mandatory data collection**
3. **Independent oversight**
4. **Greater collaboration**

Lorenzi also criticized the draft policies released by many campuses in B.C. and Ontario this year, noting that no significant outside input from experts, students or survivors was sought.

Janet, a woman who spoke to Metro on condition of anonymity, wants to see administrators dismissed for not acting on complaints. She's an employee at an Ontario post-secondary institution, and four years ago, she said, she was sexually assaulted and harassed by two men, one of whom was and remains a colleague. Her school administration's response? Six weeks of inaction, and then this: "We're concerned you're too upset to work," she was told. "I got the threat," she said. "It was swept under the rug."

"Any incident needs to be reported to an independent third party," she said. "That gives accountability."

Janet was among many people who reached out to Metro this week, keen to talk, keen to help find solutions.

So it's not a question of public appetite for change, or action among grassroots groups. It's a question of leadership. Who is going to take a stand at a national level? Who is going to co-ordinate the vast amount of experience and expertise and input out there? Who is going to hold universities, colleges and other institutions to account?

Right now, the answer is no one.

About the series

Mon. | The power of five
The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

Tues. | A federal vacuum
The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

Wed. | The U.S. example
The U.S.'s laws and White House directives combine to create more rigorous requirements for schools.

Thurs. | Dearth of data
We don't know how big the problem is because no one is incentivized to find out.

Fri. | The way ahead
We have a problem; we need a plan.

POPULATION

Immigration a necessity, new report says

Ottawa will need to raise its annual immigration level by one-third to 407,000 by 2030 to sustain its economic growth amid an aging population, says a new report on Canada's demographic trends.

Currently, Canadians 65 and over account for 16 per cent of the total population, but the ratio is expected to rise to 24 per cent in the next two decades, according to the report by the Conference Board of Canada, released Thursday.

With a birth rate hovering around 1.55 children per woman and a longer life expectancy, researchers examined five scenarios of population targets between now and the year 2100, and their impact on labour force growth and government expenditures for health care and old age security benefits.

> **Higher immigration can increase the growth of Canada's labour force.**
> Conference Board of Canada

"The aging of Canada's population will have a significant impact on Canada's potential economic growth. Weaker labour force growth will have a negative impact on household spending, while a more slowly expanding economy will engender less investment spending," warns the 54-page report. "Weaker economic growth over the long term will limit the amount of revenue that governments in Canada collect over the forecast period at a time when the aging of Canada's population will require significantly more expenditures … higher immigration can increase the growth of Canada's labour force over the long term and generate higher economic growth."

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RCMP commissioner **Bob Paulson**, left, answers a question in Ottawa on Thursday as plaintiffs **Janet Merlo**, centre, and **Linda Davidson** look on. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mounties offer 'sincere apology'

SAFETY

Female officers' harassment lawsuits settled

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson has delivered an abject apology to hundreds of current and former female officers and employees who were subjected to bullying, discrimination and harassment dating back as long as four decades.

Paulson made the apology Thursday as he announced the settlement of two class-action lawsuits stemming from harassment that has cast a dark pall over the storied police force.

"To all the women, I stand humbly before you today and solemnly offer our sincere apology," an emotional Paulson said.

"You came to the RCMP wanting to personally contribute to your community and we failed you. We hurt you. For that, I am truly sorry."

Paulson said the settlement would provide financial compensation for the women and lead to resolution of potential class-action lawsuits brought forward by former RCMP members Janet Merlo and Linda Gillis Davidson.

The federal government has earmarked $100 million for payouts, but there is no cap on the overall compensation that could be awarded. The settlement is expected to cover hundreds of women who served in the national police force starting from Sept. 16, 1974. It also includes creation of a scholarship in honour of the RCMP's first female regular members as well as establishment of national and divisional advisory committees on gender, sexual orientation, harassment, equity and inclusivity.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

Beat it, bottlenoses!

Six stranded dolphins are stubbornly refusing to be guided out of shallow waters in northern New Brunswick, rescuers said Thursday.

"The dolphins are doing what they want to do," said Tonya Wimmer, director of the Marine Animal Response Society. "We're going to regroup and figure out what to do about our little uncooperative dolphin friends."

It's been more than a week since seven dolphins became stranded near Lameque, with one dying two days later. To get back to open ocean, they would have to swim through an area that's only about a metre deep at high tide, and dolphins don't like shallow water. Three boats have made multiple attempts to herd the dolphins, but they always turn back before crossing out of the shallow water. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘This storm’s a monster’

WEATHER

Millions flee their homes as hurricane gains traction

The bands of rain from Hurricane Matthew pass over Orlando on Thursday. JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane Matthew pelted Florida with heavy rains as the deadly storm steamed ever closer to the coast with potentially catastrophic winds of 130 m.p.h. Thursday. Two million people across the Southeast were warned to flee inland.

It was the most powerful storm to threaten the U.S. Atlantic coast in more than a decade, and had already left more than 280 dead in its wake across the Caribbean.

“This storm’s a monster,” Gov. Rick Scott warned as it started lashing the state with periodic heavy rains and squalls around nightfall. He added: “I’m going to pray for everybody’s safety.”

As it moved north in the evening, Matthew stayed about 100 miles or more off South Florida, sparing the 4.4 million people in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale areas from its most punishing effects.

By Thursday night, more than 60,000 homes and businesses were without power. Streets in Vero Beach were partially covered with water, and hotel guests in Orlando were told to stay inside, though a few sneaked out to smoke or watch the rain.

Millions of people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina were told to evacuate their homes, and interstate highways were turned into one-way routes to speed the exodus. Florida alone accounted for about 1.5 million of those told to clear out.

“The storm has already killed people. We should expect the same impact in Florida,” the governor warned.

As people hurried to higher ground, authorities in South Carolina said a motorist died on Wednesday after being shot by deputies in a gun battle that erupted when he sped away from a checkpoint along an evacuation route.

The co-ordinator for Haiti’s Interior Ministry in the area hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew said the confirmed death toll in that southwestern zone was 283. Emmanuel Pierre said late Thursday that he expects the toll to rise as authorities reach remote places that were left isolated by the storm.

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U.K. POLITICS

Member hospitalized after fight within UKIP

Feuding in Britain’s fractious, right-wing U.K. Independence Party erupted into violence Thursday that left a member of the European Parliament hospitalized with a head injury after an “altercation” with a colleague.

Steven Woolfe — the front-runner to be UKIP’s next leader — suffered seizures and lost consciousness after clashing with another lawmaker Thursday morning during a meeting of party lawmakers at the legislative building in Strasbourg, France.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage said Woolfe was initially in a serious condition and “things were pretty bad.” But he said Thursday afternoon that Woolfe was “in a much better place than he was a few hours ago.”

A man resembling Steven Woolfe appears unconscious. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Farage said he was launching an inquiry into the violence, which he said “shouldn’t have happened.” He declined to identify the other party member involved in what he termed “an altercation.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

UN has a new leader

Portugal’s former prime minister Antonio Guterres, who was formally nominated on Thursday to be the next UN secretary-general, said he faces “huge challenges” and hopes to see unity and consensus during his term. Security Council President Vitaly Churkin, Russia’s UN ambassador, said members approved a resolution by acclamation recommending Guterres for a five-year term.

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Dream home staying just a dream

REAL ESTATE

Lending rules impact first-time buyers

Canada's first-time home buyers may have to shelve their dream house fantasies due to lending changes announced this week by the federal government, mortgage brokers say.

Ottawa moved this week to tighten mortgage lending rules that will limit the amount many Canadians can borrow to help ensure that when interest rates rise, they'll still be able to make their payments.

Mortgage broker Frank Napolitano says that means the size of mortgage many buyers will be able to qualify for will be less once the rules take effect on Oct. 17. "First-time homebuyers will probably have to scale down the type of home that they may have planned to buy," said Napolitano, managing partner at Mortgage Brokers Ottawa.

Under the new rules, a stress test that had only applied to borrowers who opted for variable rate mortgages or fixed rate mortgages with terms less than five years will now be used for all home buyers with less than a 20 per cent down payment.

That means borrowers must be able to qualify for their mortgage using a higher interest rate than they will actually be paying on their mortgage.

The advertised special offer rates for a five-year fixed rate mortgage at Canada's big banks are around 2.5 per cent. However, the Bank of Canada-posted rate used in the stress test is 4.64 per cent based on the posted rate at the big banks.

"You're not paying more, but you're going to be able to buy less house," Napolitano said.

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First-time homebuyers will have to scale down the type of home that plan to buy under new lending rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ENTERPRISE

Blotendo might blow your mind

Ameya Charnalia
For Metro | Edmonton

Brady Grumpelt's latest business idea came to him while blowing the dust out of a videogame cartridge. No, this isn't 1987 and Grumpelt isn't a child.

Instead, the 30-year-old, who runs a bartending school in Edmonton, is almost a quarter of the way to reaching his goal of $4,000 on the fundraising website Kickstarter.

The aim: To begin producing the Harmonicartridge. The item is a cross between those old Nintendo game cartridges (which always needed a dust blow to work) and a harmonica.

Grumpelt dreamed it up following a night of video games and music.

"We kind of joked about it and looked it up to see if there was actually a harmonica in a Nintendo cartridge anywhere and didn't see it," he said. "I thought, 'Well if this isn't a thing, why not make this a thing?'"

Along with the idea of making the video-gamed themed instrument came the decision to create a parent company, called Blotendo, which Grumpelt started with collaborator Ryan Senger.

The duo caused a stir online last year by creating 'D—s by Mail' — a company that allows you to anonymously send someone a bag of phallic-shaped gummy candy.

Lucas Sloan created the Harmonicartridge prototype.

Sloan runs a 3D printing company in Edmonton and appeared on the popular television series Battle Bots earlier this year.

On Oct. 2, the team commissioned a promotional video and put up the project on Kickstarter with the aim of raising money by the end of the month. By Thursday evening they had raised $929 with the help of 26 backers.

Brady Grumpelt holds two prototype Harmonicartridges. KEVIN TUONG/ FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Arctic leaders warming to national carbon tax

At least two territories , firmly opposed to any talk of a price on carbon just months ago now seem willing to listen to what Ottawa has to say. Bob McLeod of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna sounded open-minded in statements and interviews Thursday. Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, however, remains dead set against the notion.

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A study of animal videos on YouTube (really), researchers found that the bigger a creature's brain is, the longer they tend to yawn.

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

THE PHYSICS OF BEER-CAN CHUCKING

The Toronto beer-can tosser is notorious by now, but there's disagreement about just how serious this crime could have been if a person's body was in the beer can's path. What affects a projectile's path, and the speed with which it hits the ground? Here are the basics — and yes, assuming the can was full, **it landed fast enough to hurt somebody.**

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

The depressing reality of birth control

A study of a million Danish women showed hormonal birth control is linked to depression. What? Why? — Lauren, Calgary

This was a long-term study and the results were clear and troubling: Users of hormonal contraceptives (patch, pill, shot, ring, hormonal IUD) had a higher risk of depression than non-users.

The connection makes sense given how female hormones affect the neurotransmitters t hat control mood, said Gail Robinson, who teaches psychiatry and obstetrics/gynecology at the University of Toronto.

This finding has spurred a lot of justified freaking out and finger-pointing, such as from the Guardian's Holly Grigg-Spall: "No study will ever be good enough for the medical community to take women's experiences seriously."

It's true the depression-birth control link hasn't gained widespread publicity or credibility until now. And, subjectively, that's a bit lame for a 56-year-old drug.

But there are a few qualifiers to keep in mind. First, the increase in relative risk was not huge: Women using the combination birth control pill were 1.23 times more likely to need antidepressants than non-users; for those on the levonorgestrel IUD (i.e. Mirena), it was 1.4 times.

Secondly, it's tempting to stuff new information into existing belief systems, but I think we should be cautious. In other words, there's lots of sexism in the medical world (and every world), but it doesn't automatically mean sexism is why individual doctors still prescribe the pill or why we don't have a male equivalent.

Non-hormonal methods (surgery, copper IUD) aren't for all of us, and women aren't fully in control of condoms or withdrawal.

"Postpartum is when women are most likely to develop ... depression," Dr. Robinson said. "Women who cannot control their chances of getting pregnant may risk having too many children close together or at difficult times in their lives, when they can't cope."

Science Question? Tweet @genna_buck

FINDINGS
Your week in science

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SEA SATURN'S MOON
Dione, one of Saturn's seven moons, has an icy ocean world under its crust, according to data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft. Scientists think it's been there almost since the moon was formed, increasing the odds there's microscopic life under there.

PRIMORDIAL PROTEINS
Swiss researchers trying to reproduce the conditions on Earth 4 billion years ago mixed simple amino acids with volcanic gas and made complex, self-reproducing proteins called amyloids — precursors to life on earth.

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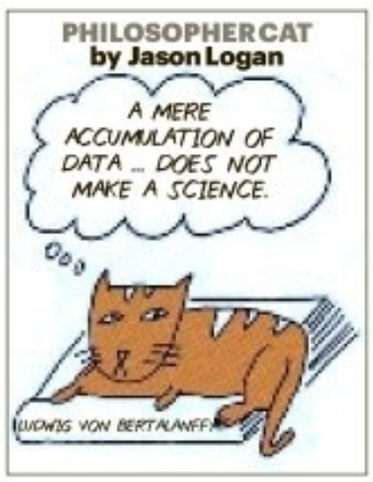

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MOVIES MUSIC TELEVISION DIGITAL

Emily Blunt says playing an alcoholic divorcée in the recently-released The Girl on the Train was "the most challenging thing I've ever done." CONTRIBUTED

Bring on the Blunt-force drama

IN FOCUS

The Girl on the Train actress consistently steals the show

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

The first time most of us noticed Emily Blunt she was "on-the-edge of sickness thin." To play Emily Chalton, the prickly first assistant to the editor in The Devil Wears Prada, Blunt dropped pounds from her already slight frame.

"It wasn't like doughnuts were snatched out of my hand," laughs the 5' 7½" actress, but she was encouraged to slim down. So much so she would occasionally cry from hunger during the shoot. Luckily, though rake thin, she still had the energy to steal the movie from her more seasoned co-stars, Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci.

Although the character fell directly into the love-to-hate-her category, audiences found Blunt irresistible. Her mix of vulnerability and fork-tongued charm earned the title Best Female Scene-Stealer from Entertainment Weekly and nominations for everything from a Teen Choice Award to a Golden Globe.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Girl on the Train	★★
Denial	★★★★
The Birth of a Nation	★★★
Two Lovers and a Bear	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

This weekend she plays a much different character in the much-anticipated thriller The Girl on the Train. Based on the Paula Hawkins bestseller — 11 million copies sold and counting — it's a dark cinematic journey into a missing person's case. The 33-year-old actress says playing an alcoholic divorcée who witnesses a crime from a train window, "the most challenging thing I've ever done."

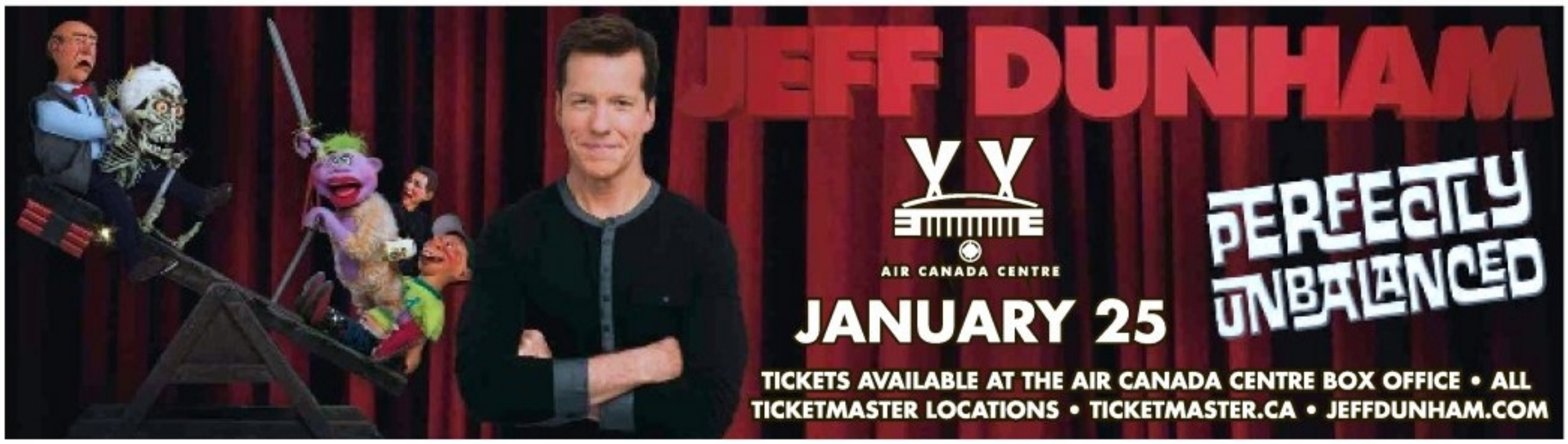
Early reviews are strong. Variety raved she "excels as the broken-down heroine." Those kind of kudos are an echo of her much-admired, though lesser seen work, in the U.K.

We've also seen her as an oversexed young women opposite Tom Hanks in Charlie Wilson's War, warbling Stephen Sondheim's rich Into the Woods score, riding a polar bear in The Huntsman: Winter's War and dressed as Princess Diana in the quirky rom-com Five-Year Engagement.

She's done action in both Sicario and Edge of Tomorrow (later renamed Live. Die. Repeat. for home release). Big budget blockbusters don't usually make room for female characters unless they are sidekicks or girlfriends. In Edge of Tomorrow, Blunt avoids being objectified and is as strong, if not stronger than co-star Tom Cruise.

In Sicario she's part of an elite task force stemming the flow of drugs between Mexico and the U.S. A multi-farious mix of vulnerability, stone cold confidence and outrage, she delivered the most interesting female action star since Mad Max: Fury Road's Imperator Furiosa.

Next up her diverse career is the lead in Mary Poppins Returns. She says she's nervous because the flying nanny is "such an important character in people's childhood," but has been given the thumbs up by the original Mary, Julie Andrews. "It was lovely to get her stamp of approval. That took the edge off it, for sure."



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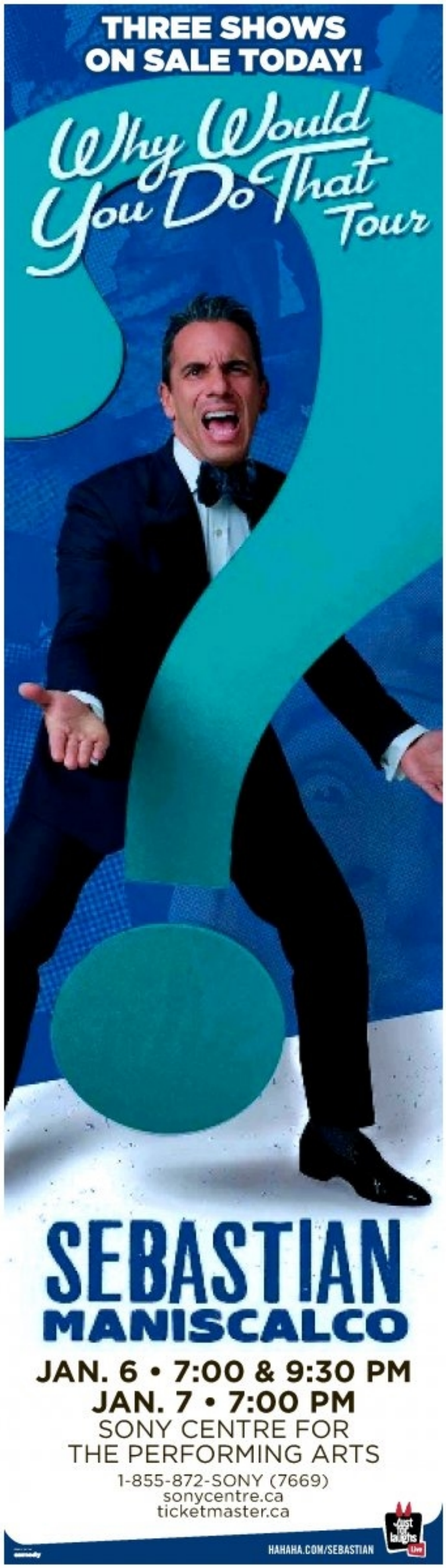

Kim Nguyen, right, director of Two Lovers and a Bear, and a still of the polar bear Agee (voiced by Gordon Pinsent) from the film. CONTRIBUTED

Bear witness to this icy, tainted love tale

FILM

Kim Nguyen's latest is surreal and covers several genres

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

The story of two star-crossed lovers on the run from bad memories is at the heart of Two Lovers and a Bear, a new Arctic-set film from Rebelle director Kim Nguyen.

Counselling the couple is a talking polar bear, a philosophical addition to a movie that is part romance, part thriller and all icy cold isolation.

Montreal native Nguyen says the script for the film evolved over time, but many of the elements, including the talking bear came to him on a stopover at the Amsterdam airport.

"I was reading Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami," he says. "There are weird gods in the book, kind of like imperfect Greek gods with flaws. It dawned on me that I should have something like an imperfect, flawed deity in the film."

At the same time he noticed the airport's giant brass teddy bears and voilà, the idea of an advice-giving polar bear was born.

The bear, played by a real polar bear named Agee and voiced by acting legend Gordon Pinsent, is the most fanciful part of a film that sees Lucy and Roman, played by recent Emmy winner Tatiana Maslany and Dane DeHaan, embark on a physical and metaphysical journey to confront their troubled, violent pasts.

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Director Kim Nguyen

"I've seen a lot of people like that," Nguyen says of the people he met in Nunavut, "(people) who just can't connect with an organized, dense, compact society. They have to go up North and that's why you meet very interesting, unique characters up there. Often it is the people who don't cope with societal norms."

Nguyen's unpredictable story intensifies with every twist, finding depth as the volatile Lucy and Roman explore the vast white expanse of their home and their innermost fears.

The lead actors have some heavy lifting to do to navigate the film's many shifts from comedy, to psychological drama and isolationist horror.

To survive the inhospitable cold of their home both must be strong willed characters but both also wear their fragility on their parka sleeves. As such, Maslany and DeHaan are perfectly cast.

"We met a lot of people," says Nguyen. "At the beginning it wasn't defined exactly who Lucy was going to be; where she would come from. We wanted to keep it open with the casting. Tatiana came a little later on. We didn't even think about her. Coming off of Orphan Black the casting director said, 'Why don't we try her? She's versatile. She has range.' She was gracious enough to do a screen test. She blew us away. She was totally way up there in the truthfulness and the authenticity. She is really someone who is able to connect. Kind of like Dane.

"I discovered Dane when I saw Place Beyond the Pines. When I saw that, I was certain that Dane wasn't a trained actor. He was so authentic I assumed he was this guy who had this one role in him. Then I learned he was a trained actor and was really impressed by his performance."

The six-week Nunavut shoot was gruelling for all, requiring physical stamina and a trait Nguyen calls "one of the biggest, most important qualities"— fearlessness.

"Dane and Tatiana have that," says the director. "They dive in and they are not analyzing their performance as they're playing it."

Bad publicity for Holocaust deniers

LEGAL BIOPIC

Rachel Weisz plays British historian in Denial

"I can't understand why people don't always say what they are thinking," says Emory University professor Deborah E. Lipstadt. "I'm missing a certain filter. I say what I think."

Lipstadt, a specialist in modern Jewish history, emerged into public life from academia as the subject of a 1996 lawsuit brought against her by self-taught British historian and Holocaust denier David Irving. Irving, upset she singled him out in a book as a less-than-reputable historian, launched a libel lawsuit claiming Lipstadt and her publisher were part of a worldwide conspiracy to rob him of his livelihood.

Donations from benefactors like Steven Spielberg paid for the gruelling eight-week, £3,000,000 trial which boiled down to one main question: Is Irving a liar and a falsifier of history or simply a historian who sees things from Hitler's point of view? The stakes were high; if Irving won, his account of history would be given credence.

Rachel Weisz plays Deborah E. Lipstadt in Denial. HANDOUT

The sensational court case is chronicled in Denial, a new film starring Rachel Weisz as the outspoken academic.

"In the story of this trial and this case, a lot of very good people said to me, 'Don't do it,'" Lipstadt says. "A lot of people didn't want me to do it because they thought I'd be giving him publicity. How do you fight bad people without building them up and giving them a billion dollars of free publicity?"

But the publicity helped expose Irving and other deniers, says Weisz.

"I think the more people who know that the better.

I don't know how they're going to feel about this, but it is more important that people should know about it. And nobody does. It doesn't really bother me that he's getting publicity. It's not good publicity."

The British actress says capturing Lipstadt's essence — from the heavy Queens accent to her personal boldness —was "a beautiful, delicious challenge."

"Deborah came and hung out with me in New York," says Weisz, "sat in my kitchen for two days straight. I filmed her on my iPhone so I would be able to look back at it."

RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

MOVIE LISTINGS

DOWNTOWN

Carlton Cinema Theatre
20 Carlton St., 416-494-9371

Beetlejuice Sat 7 **Deepwater Horizon** Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:25 **Doomed: The Untold Story of Roger Corman's the Fantastic Four** Fri 7 **The Dressmaker** Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:30-9:05 **First Girl I Loved** Fri-Thu 2-7 **Florence Foster Jenkins** Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-9:30 Sun-Wed 1:30-4:10-6:40-9:30 Thu 1:30-4:10-9:30 **Hell or High Water** Fri-Thu 1:35-3:55-6:50-9:20 **Imperium** Fri-Wed 7-9:25 Thu 9:25 **Legally Blonde** Wed 9 **The Light Between Oceans** Fri 4:10 Sat 4:10-9:10 Sun 4:10 Mon-Tue 4:10-9:10 Wed 4:10 Thu 4:10-9:10 **The Magnificent Seven** Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 **Masterminds** Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:45-9:15 **Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life** Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:55-9:10 **Minutes Past Midnight** Fri 9 Sun 9 **Storks** Fri-Thu 1:45-4:05

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

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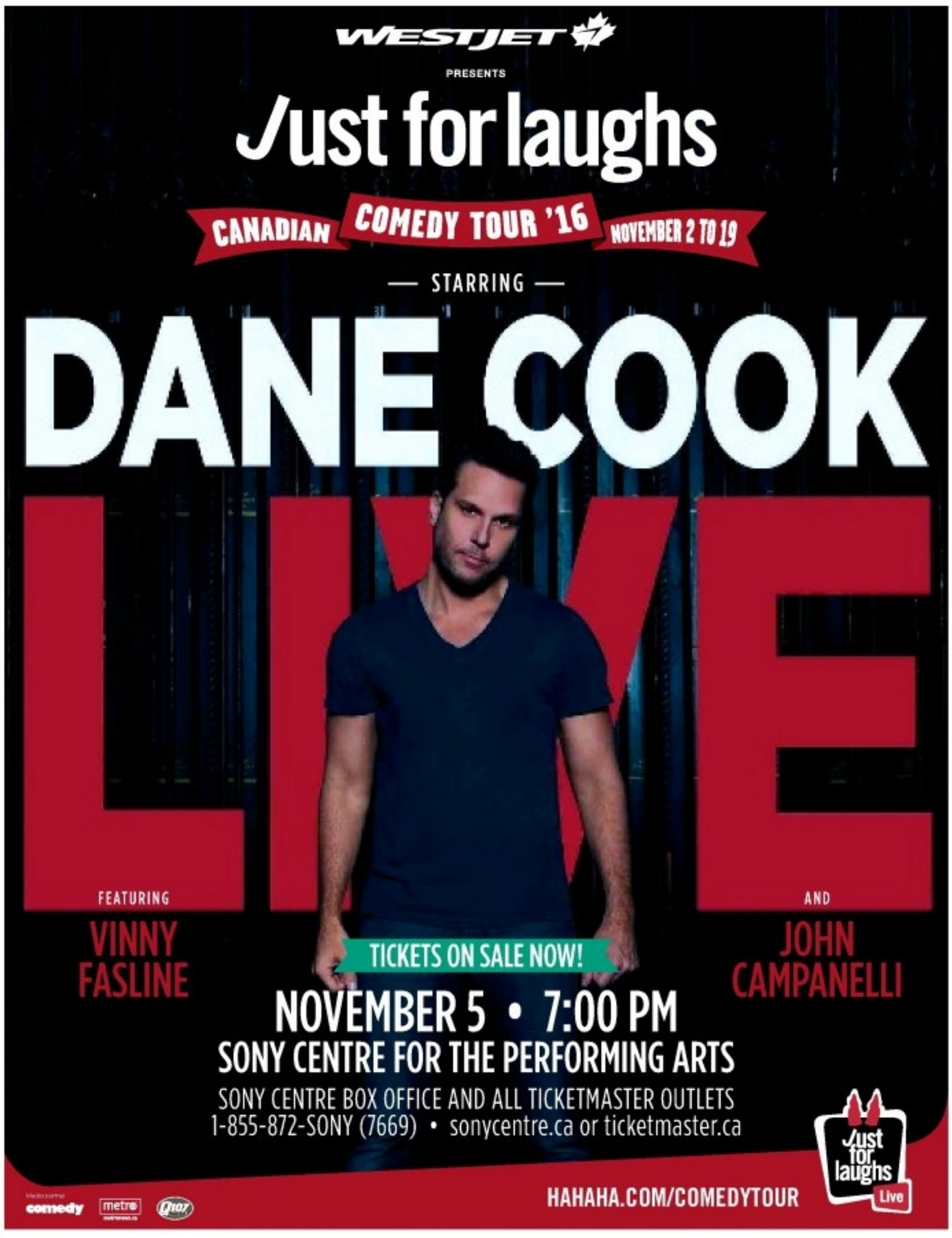
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

The Accountant Thu 7-9:45 **Bridget Jones's Baby** Fri-Wed 9:15 **Deepwater Horizon** Fri-Sat 1-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun-Mon 3:30-9:30 Tue 1-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 3:30-9:30 Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun-Mon 1-6:30 Wed 1-6:30 **The Girl on the Train** Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45-9:20 **The Magnificent Seven** Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7-9:55 **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:55-9:40 **Snowden** Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:10-10 **Storks** Fri-Wed 1:30-3:35-6:50 Thu 1:30-3:35



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10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

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All showtimes run between Friday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 13

BIRTH OF A NATION

An uncomfortable watch

Nate Parker, centre, as Nat Turner, who is transformed from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man in The Birth of a Nation. JAHI CHIKWENDIU/HANDOUT

Can we forget the past even while being summoned to remember it?

That's the conundrum of The Birth of a Nation, Nate Parker's provocative drama of America's bloodiest slave rebellion, which the actor and filmmaker directed, co-wrote and stars in, and which sold for a record $17.5 million (U.S.) following its ecstatic Sundance premiere.

Parker wants the world to recall a man and a story ill-served by history books: Nat Turner, an American-born slave turned Baptist preacher, who led an 1831 Virginia uprising that left 60 slave owners and 200 slaves dead through violent confrontation and retribution.

Yet the first-time filmmaker doesn't want any rekindling of the collective conscience regarding his own disturbing past. In 1999, Parker and his Penn State University roommate Jean Celestin (later his screenplay co-writer) were charged with raping an intoxicated and unconscious student.

Parker was acquitted at trial and Celestin was convicted (it was overturned on appeal), but the complainant, who was then 18 years old, always felt she'd been denied justice. She committed suicide at age 30 in 2012.

The rape allegation has stuck to Parker and The Birth of a Nation since the 1999 story broke wide in late August. Parker hasn't helped his situation or that of his movie by steadfastly refusing to apologize for his actions, which he puts down to youthful indiscretion and false accusation.

Parker commands the frame as Turner, taught as a child to read the Bible by a kindly matriarch (Penelope Ann Miller), who put humanity slightly ahead of human ownership.

After three viewings, the most significant thing about The Birth of a Nation is its depiction of Nat Turner's transformation from a docile slave into a righteous rebel and free man.

His conscience was moved by what he learned and he took action to right a wrong. The same might not be said about Parker, but his film is worth seeing regardless.

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The Marina at Campbell River. Every year from late July to the end of October, visitors come out to see hundreds of thousands of salmon swim upstream to lay their eggs. ISTOCK

VANCOUVER ISLAND

No matter how you see it, salmon season awe-inspiring

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

From late July through to the end of October the rivers on the eastern side of Vancouver Island are teeming with hundreds of thousands of Pacific salmon.

On a recent excursion to the community of Campbell River I hooked up with Destiny River Adventures for an up-close and personal look at this natural phenomenon.

After having us don a wetsuit and snorkel gear, our guide immediately warded off any potential of sober second thoughts by making us jump off a small cliff into the town's chilly namesake river.

Then it was time to literally plunge face first into the water and let the current do the work. Although, the rapids might be considered relatively calm for rafters, as a snorkeller it was exhilarating to fly down the river, undulating over the rocks and having giant salmon darting around you as they battled upstream to lay their eggs.

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In addition to attracting snorkellers and sports fisherman, the annual salmon run provides a buffet for the local bear population. Discovery Marine Safaris offers a full-day Grizzly Bear Tour, which takes eager bear watchers by boat up Bute Inlet to Orford Bay, a small community on British Columbia's mainland and home to the Homalco First Nations people. Within the first two minutes of the land portion of the tour, our guide Janet was stopping on the edge of a river where we silently poured off the bus and watched two bears play on a log and tuck into a salmon lunch. By the end of the day we had seen five grizzlies, two Roosevelt Elk and numerous eagles.

After having seen the area by land and sea, we spent our last day exploring by air.

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After a stop in Surge Narrows, home of one of four floating post offices in Canada, we touched down in Big Bay where we grabbed a bottle of BC Pinot Noir from the supply store and toasted our day on the deck.

If the bears were enjoying the bounty of this province, why shouldn't we?

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Lava splashes up Hawaii volcano walls in rare video

As the high-definition camera pans across the surface of an active Hawaii volcano's viscous summit lava lake, a large bubble of volcanic gas grows and bursts, dramatically spewing molten rock into the air and sending a massive ripple of lava outward across the crater. Federal officials released high-definition video of the lava lake atop Hawaii's Kilauea volcano on Tuesday, providing a rare close-up glimpse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Still image from Kilauea volcano. USGS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec City stages Pierre Bonnard exhibit

The Pierre Lassonde Pavilion, the showpiece addition to the Musee national des beaux-arts du Quebec, is bringing together works by French artist Pierre Bonnard for its first temporary international exhibition. The $103.4-million glass pavilion opened in June on the city's Grande Allee thoroughfare, doubling the museum's exhibition space. Radiant Colour, on view through Jan. 15, presents some 40 paintings by the Post-Impressionist artist.

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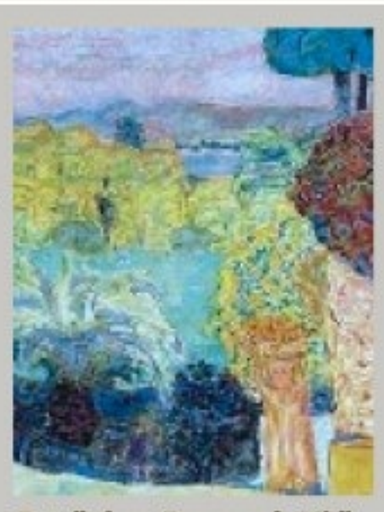

Details from Paysage du Midi et deux enfants. HANDOUT

Visitors see Prince's studio, mementos

Prince's handwritten notes still sit out in the control room of Studio A at Paisley Park, where he recorded some of his greatest hits and was working on a jazz album before he died. The room is filled with his keyboards and guitars, and his iconic symbol graces the control panel. Those are some of the highlights visitors to Paisley Park saw when the 65,000-square-foot studio complex opened to the public on Thursday.

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Prince's Paisley Park studio.
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La vie en rouge et orange

ESSAYS

One writer's love-affair with Paris in autumn

Vivian Song
For Torstar News Service

I've always held a special affinity for Paris in the fall. While Parisians mourn the last days of summer and return begrudgingly to the city after their month-long holidays, I wait patiently for that first fall morning, when the weather turns, definitively announcing the season's arrival.

More than five years ago, I boarded a plane in Toronto and landed in Paris, and I fell under an enchantment which, I believe in hindsight, was produced by the bewitching effects of autumn, when the city takes on a dream-like quality that happens at no other time of the year.

It wasn't supposed to last this long. My original intent was to spend a year in France and return to Toronto recharged after living "la vie en rose." But in the days and weeks after arriving in mid-September, the autumnal skies, the rain-soaked cobblestone streets, and the way the gold-leaf trees cast a soft glow along the Seine seduced me, and I knew I had to stay.

In the same way couples reminisce with fondness about their days as young, broke newlyweds who shared their first meals sitting on the floor, on my five-year anniversary I found myself nostalgic for those early days when I was a starry-eyed tourist, euphorically happy with the simple pleasures of her new Parisian life.

My first introduction to my new neighbourhood upon stepping out of the cab was an olfactory one: layered under the heavy coolness of the crisp, autumn air was the maddening perfume of melting butter wafting from the crêperies lining my street — a smell I still associate with fall

When I arrived in Paris, I was jobless and poor. Money was tight and my only little luxuries were the edible kind. On a good week, I would head to the market and pick up a roast chicken leg, roasted potatoes, and a basket of figs.

A steaming cup of hot-chocolate is one of the great pleasures of Paris in the fall.

Just as boxes of clementines signal the start of winter in Canada, every year I look forward to the start of fall for fig season, an elegant fruit that's expensive and uncommon back home, but affordable and accessible in France.

I always bookmark the second weekend of October for one of my favourite Parisian festivals, the Fete des Vendanges, a food and wine-fuelled event in Montmartre where I tasted my first escargot thanks to a kindly stranger who insisted I sample one from his own plate.

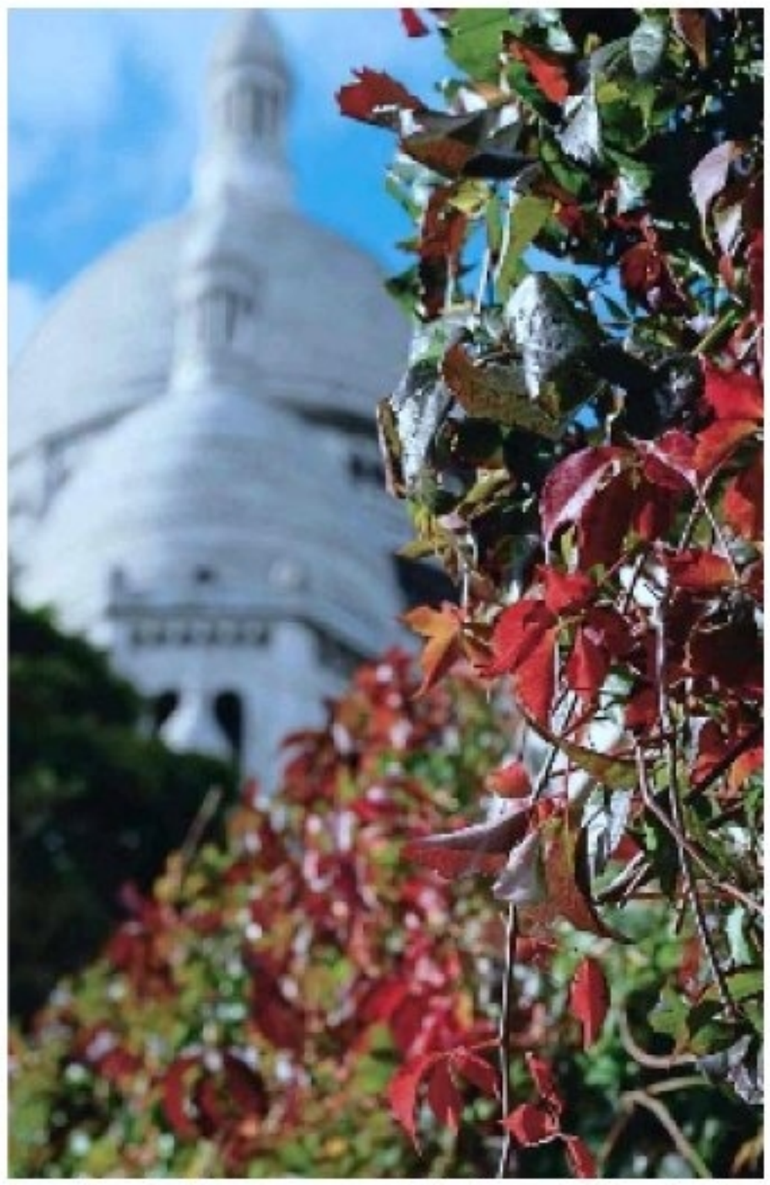
I reserve every free Sunday for strolling the Jardin du Luxembourg or the Jardin du Palais Royale and seek out the leafiest paths for the satisfaction of hearing and feeling the crunch of dead leaves beneath my feet.

Invariably, I catch myself marvelling at the distinctively Parisian way the leaves have browned at the edges or faded yellow, turning the city into the colour palate of the '70s.

In the summer, Paris becomes an artificial version of itself: the locals can't leave town fast enough, leaving stampedes of tourists to take over the city. I have yet to be reconciled with the cold, damp sunless Parisian winters. And while Parisian springs can be heart-stoppingly beautiful, I dread its arrival for the prosaic reality that it sends my allergies into overdrive.

Come fall, however, the gardens are more spacious as the tourist crowds have thinned. The locals have also returned. It's a homecoming I welcome; the absence of Parisians over the summer casts an artificial, unauthentic calm over the city.

Their return, and the sepia light of fall, draw out the real Paris: the brooding, beautiful, moody, poetic, melancholic and soul-stirring version.



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MALTA

Tiny nation of island's Europe's best-kept secret

History, heat and fantastic beaches best describe a vacation in Malta, a sun-soaked archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea that's a popular destination for many Europeans.

Malta actually consists of three inhabited islands — Malta, Comino and Gozo — which are situated south of Italy and north of the African country Libya in the Mediterranean Sea.

The country's location has historically given it great strategic importance as a naval base, and a succession of powers, including the Turks, Knights of St. John, French and British, have ruled. The southern European island nation is now part of the European Union.

Military forts, inland and on the coasts, dot the islands and offer a fascinating insight into the country's history. The walled city of Mdina and St. Elmo's Fort in Valletta, where the island was defended against invaders, are worth a visit.

Churches are must-see attractions. The Mosta Dome, also known as the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Mosta, has a spectacular high-domed ceiling that was bombed in the Second World War but miraculously remained intact.

GETTING THERE

There are no direct flights from Canada to Malta; you have to fly to a city in Europe and then get a connecting flight.

The St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, the country's capital, is home to the Knights (Grand Masters) of Malta. It contains many important works of art sanctioned by the Knights, including the painting The Beheading of St. John the Baptist by the Italian painter Caravaggio.

With summer temperatures consistently in the '30s with no rain, beaches are popular destinations for tourists and locals alike.

The stunning Blue Lagoon on Comino is a must-do when you are on the island. Boat tours make regular runs to Comino, but if you go you'll want to make a day trip out of it. Likewise the Azure Window on Gozo, a natural limestone arch, offers fantastic swimming on the rock beach below it.

One beach off the beaten track is St. Peter's Pool near Marsaxlokk on Malta.

It's a natural pool in a sheltered cove where jumping off four-metre cliffs into crystal-clear waters is easier than negotiating the rough, one-lane road to get to the attraction.

Marsaxlokk's daily fish market offers many delicacies caught the same day by local fishermen in their "luzzus," small, brightly painted fishing boats.

The narrow, hilly streets of Valletta have many shops and cafes popular with tourists, with regular bus and ferry service feeding the country's capital.

From the boardwalks of Sliema, which are lined with restaurants and cafes, it's an easy stroll to the beach for a quick dip in the sea.

Getting around the islands can be a challenge, although there is a reliable bus and ferry system.

It is best to rent a couple of cars and drivers with experience at using the left-hand drive system and the abundant roundabouts where choosing the correct turn can often a challenge.

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Those who choose to die at home can have equipment delivered, such as a hospital bed, and receive medical care from a visiting nurse or personal support worker. But because that kind of care isn't always easily available, some caregiving becomes the responsibility of family and friends, which can make many patients and families uneasy.

"The biggest worry that patients have is that they will become a huge burden on their family," explains Dr. Cindy So, Ontario Palliative Care Network Regional Clinical Lead for Central LHIN and palliative care doctor at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

York Region's only residential hospice is in Richmond Hill, and has just three beds — clearly not enough for the region's 1.2 million people. While palliative care is offered at Southlake, the wait-list is long and the hospital cannot always provide patients and families with a private space. Those who do get a spot may have to share a room, and must contend with all the noise of a working hospital. "You do get excellent care," says Dr. So, "but the environment is not ideal."

A peaceful space

That environment is about to change, thanks to *love lives here* — a campaign to raise funds for the construction of the residential hospice on the Southlake campus. Projected to open in the fall of 2017, the hospice will serve approximately 250 patients and their families every year (from across York Region and surrounding communities), with 10 private rooms — each with an extra bed for a family member to stay the night — as well as a kitchen, private spaces for families to gather, and lush gardens to enjoy.

A peaceful space is only part of the plan. "We need to make sure that our aging population has access to comprehensive palliative services," explains Dr. Dave Williams, president and CEO, Southlake Regional Health Centre. "An integral step is the construction of the residential hospice where patients and families will have access to world-class end-of-life-care and support. Additionally, our hospital is committed to growing our understanding of palliative medicine to better serve our community in this area of care."

Making the most of the final days

It all adds up to a more comfortable and dignified approach for a palliative patient's last days — a key goal of the *love lives here* campaign. "We need to be thinking about palliative medicine differently," says Dr. Williams, "putting patients' quality of life at the forefront of care and having the empathy to understand and support what patients want."

Love lives here has already raised $4 million towards the construction of the hospice to support families in need. To donate, or find out more, visit **southlakefoundation.ca.**

Private loss drives public giving

Southlake's *love lives here* campaign is personal for some

When Laurie Blainey complained of a severe backache in June 2013, she decided to make a trip to the emergency department at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ont., where she and her husband, Ron, found out the 62-year-old had pancreatic cancer. She had between seven and 11 months to live, and they were devastated.

Laurie underwent chemotherapy, but by the end of February 2014, Ron says "everything went downhill. We knew we were in the countdown."

The couple opted for Laurie to spend her final days at home. Luckily for them, their new house in Ballantrae was a bungalow, and they had support not only from a visiting nurse and palliative care doctor, but also from Laurie's daughter and sister, and other family and friends. "We were able," Ron says, "with everyone's support, to have Laurie pass with as much dignity as possible."

But Ron knows that his situation is not the case for everyone. That's why when he learned about Southlake's *love lives here* campaign to raise funds to build a residential hospice to serve York Region, he threw his support behind it. Not only did he and his family make a donation, but Ron is also now helping with fundraising for this project. "We like to be involved because we believe Laurie would be very much behind this," he says. "These facilities don't happen without the community throwing some financial support behind them."

The Blaineys are one of several families who have generously donated their time and philanthropic support to the *love lives here* campaign. You can learn more about this project or donate at **southlakefoundation.ca**.

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LeBron James, who grew up a New York Yankees fan, is getting behind the Cleveland Indians, sending the team positive messages on social media

Blue Jays put up a 10

MLB PLAYOFFS

Toronto throttles Texas on both sides of the ball

It was a beatdown but this time the bad blood stayed under the surface.

Toronto rocked Cole Hamels for five runs in the third inning and a near flawless Marco Estrada delivered 8-1/3 stellar innings as the Blue Jays thumped the Texas Rangers 10-1 Thursday to win Game 1 of their American League Division Series.

Jose Bautista, Public Enemy No. 1 in Texas, slammed a three-run homer in the ninth inning off reliever Jake Diekman to rub salt in the wound. No bat-flip this time. He put his weapon down gently after the blast to left field, where the fan who caught the ball whipped it back into play.

The Jays slugger was happy to keep the focus on baseball rather than rehash Toronto's recent Hatfield-and-McCoy-like feuding with the Rangers.

"I wanted to avoid all the questions about the whole ordeal because we're baseball players, not UFC fighters, and we came here to play ballgames," Bautista said.

It was Bautista's fourth home run in his last eight post-season at-bats. He is tied with Joe Carter for most playoff homers by a Blue Jay with six.

Toronto came close to its first complete game of the season — and the first of Estrada's career. But Elvis Andrus tripled to open the bottom of the ninth and scored on Shin-Soo Choo's groundout. Manager John Gibbons then brought in Ryan Tepera to close the door.

"Two outs away from finishing it. Unfortunately I couldn't," said Estrada, who failed to convince Gibbons to keep him in. "But who cares, we won. That's all that matters."

The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista connects for a three-run home run against the Rangers during Game 1 of their American League Division Series in Arlington, Texas, on Thursday. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

ALDS Game 1

TORONTO	TEXAS
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Estrada gave up one run in 8-1/3 innings on four hits with six strikeouts in a 98-pitch performance with 72 strikes. In contrast, Hamels allowed a playoff career-high seven runs in 3-1/3 innings.

Estrada retired 12 straight batters at one point and faced just one batter over the minimum over eight innings.

The Jays sent nine men to the plate in the third, scoring five runs all with two outs. Troy Tulowitzki did the bulk of the damage with a three-run triple.

Melvin Upton Jr. hit a solo homer in a two-run fourth for Toronto. Josh Donaldson, who had two singles, two doubles and a walk on the day, drove in a run in each of the third and fourth. His four hits tied a club post-season mark.

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MLB NOTES

Murphy expected to play for Nats in Game 1 of NLDS

Dusty Baker expects injured second baseman Daniel Murphy to play for the Nationals in Game 1 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers, but Washington's manager still won't announce his Game 2 starter.

After Thursday's workout, Baker explained Murphy "says he's ready, so therefore we think he's ready." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baker, Roberts to make history for black managers

The NL Division Series between Dusty Baker's Washington Nationals and Dave Roberts' Los Angeles Dodgers is the first post-season matchup in major-league history involving two black managers.

It's a point of pride and can "show people that not only can we do the job, but we can do the job better than most," Baker said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price still in search of his first post-season win

David Price wants to make his next post-season start unlike all his others.

"I want to go out there and win.... and I know that I'm capable of doing that," he said.

That would be a first.

Boston's left-hander is 0-7 in the post-season going into Friday's start in Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Cleveland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RUSSIA

Kremlin supports probe of kids' fights

The Kremlin has called for an investigation after state TV broadcast mixed martial arts fights between children as young as eight years old.

Ramzan Kadyrov, the strongman leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, entered three of his young sons into so-called exhibition bouts during a televised fight card Tuesday.

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Children under 12 are not allowed to step into the ring in Russia.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters Thursday that the fact that one fight between 10-year-olds finished with a technical knockout was "a reason for the appropriate oversight agencies to inquire about this incident."

Peskov suggested the fights were a matter for children's rights ombudsman Anna Kuznetsova. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Italy and Spain play to draw in World Cup qualifier

Former world champions Italy and Spain played to 1-1 on Thursday, giving a chance for unheralded Albania to take the lead in their Europe qualifying group.

Albania moved to the top of Group G after winning in Lichtenstein 2-0.

Elsewhere, Mario Mandzukic bagged a hat trick as Croatia beat up Kosovo 6-0, while Wales conceded the lead twice away in Austria in a 2-2 draw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane Matthew wreaks havoc on football schedules

Fear of the damage that powerful Hurricane Matthew may cause prompted two college football postponements Thursday, and had the NFL plotting just-in-case scenarios for games scheduled in Tampa and Miami this weekend.

A pair of college games set to be played Saturday — LSU at No. 18 Florida, as well as Charlotte at Florida Atlantic — were postponed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL MATTHEWS SCORES THE FIRST OF MANY

Canadiens goalie Carey Price and Maple Leafs centre Auston Matthews track a puck during pre-season action Thursday in Montreal. Matthews, the top pick in June's draft, scored his first goal in a Leafs jersey. Go to metronews.ca for the story.

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Kiss and tell: Barber explains positive test

ATHLETICS

Report says kissing put cocaine in pole vaulter's system

The 16-page report on Shawn Barber's positive cocaine test reads in parts like an erotic short story.

Sex, drugs and a hotel rendezvous, with Canada's world champion pole vaulter playing the starring role just weeks before his Olympic debut.

But hours after the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada released its report on the bizarre — and salacious — chain of events that led up to his doping violation, Barber chalked it up to a "learning experience."

"There's no reason to cry over spilt milk, and you can't do anything about it, so might as well just smile and learn to love it," Barber said on a conference call Thursday.

Shawn Barber finished 10th in the pole vault at the Rio Games.
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The 22-year-old from Toronto tested positive for trace amounts of the recreational drug prior to the Rio Olympics, but he was still allowed to compete in Brazil after it was ruled he inadvertently ingested the banned substance.

"I'm very happy with the process that we went to," Barber said from Akron, Ohio, where he lives and trains. "It was quite an ordeal going into the Olympics, but everything worked out the way it was supposed to."

The SDRCC rendered its decision on Aug. 11, four days before Barber vaulted to a 10th-place finish in Rio.

Barber claimed he ingested the cocaine July 8, on the eve of winning the Canadian title in Edmonton, by kissing a woman he'd met through the "casual encounters" section of Craigslist. His intent for the sexual rendezvous, he said, was a way to relieve stress. He'd posted for a "professional person," and specified he wanted someone who was drug and disease-free.

The woman, referred to in the report as "W," testified that she consumed cocaine before she met Barber and then again in the bathroom of his hotel room. She said that he could not have known she'd used the drug, and that she felt "horrible about what happened," and would hate to be the reason for Barber not achieving his dream.

When asked if he'd do anything differently, Barber called it "a learning experience."

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NFL

Anderson ready to start for Panthers

Derek Anderson is preparing as if he will start Monday night against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with Cam Newton still in the league's concussion protocol.

The 33-year-old Anderson took reps with Carolina's first-team offence for the second straight day, while Newton did not attend the team's outdoor practice.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera offered little in terms of an update on Newton's playing status, saying he won't make a decision until later this week.

"We are not forcing players to get onto the football field," Rivera said Thursday. "We will do exactly as the protocol tells us and what the doctors and experts tell us."

Derek Anderson
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The NFL is investigating how the Panthers handled a-helmet hit Newton took in the fourth quarter of a Week 1 loss to the Denver Broncos. Newton stayed in and completed that game despite a ferocious blow to the head. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Bills fined for Pats fracas
Three Buffalo Bills defensive backs are paying for their involvement in a pre-game altercation with members of the New England Patriots last weekend. Safety Robert Blanton says the NFL fined him $21,000 and cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman says he was fined $10,000. Safety Aaron Williams was also fined, but wouldn't reveal how much. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Bombers bring in Argos castaway Gurley
The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed American receiver Tori Gurley on Thursday.

The six-foot-four, 230-pound Gurley was released earlier this week by the Toronto Argonauts, along with fellow receivers Vidal Hazelton, Kevin Elliott and Phil Bates.

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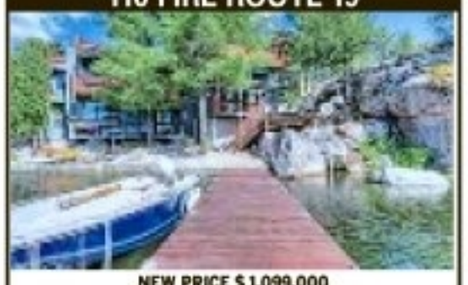

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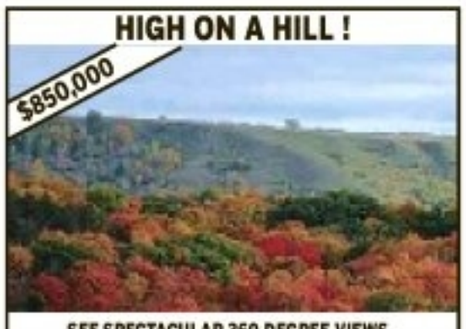

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RECIPE Roasted Veggie Pizza

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Pizza is a Friday night staple but give your pie an update with the addition of sweetly roasted vegetables, fragrant herbs and gooey Fontina cheese.

Ready in 35 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 mini potatoes
- 1 small beet
- 1/2 yellow zucchini
- 1/3 red onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 or 2 stalks of fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- flat bread or prepared pizza crust
- 1 1/2 cups grated Fontina cheese

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Slice all your vegetables very thinly, particularly the potatoes so that they'll all cook through at the same pace. Place them on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil, season with rosemary leaves and salt and pepper. Give everything a toss and then spread them out evenly on the sheet.
3. Bake for about 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove from the oven.
4. Place your flat bread or pizza crust on another baking sheet. Arrange the cooked vegetables, including the rosemary, on top. Sprinkle the cheese evenly across. Pop the whole thing back in the oven for 7 or 8 minutes, until the cheese is melted and beginning to brown.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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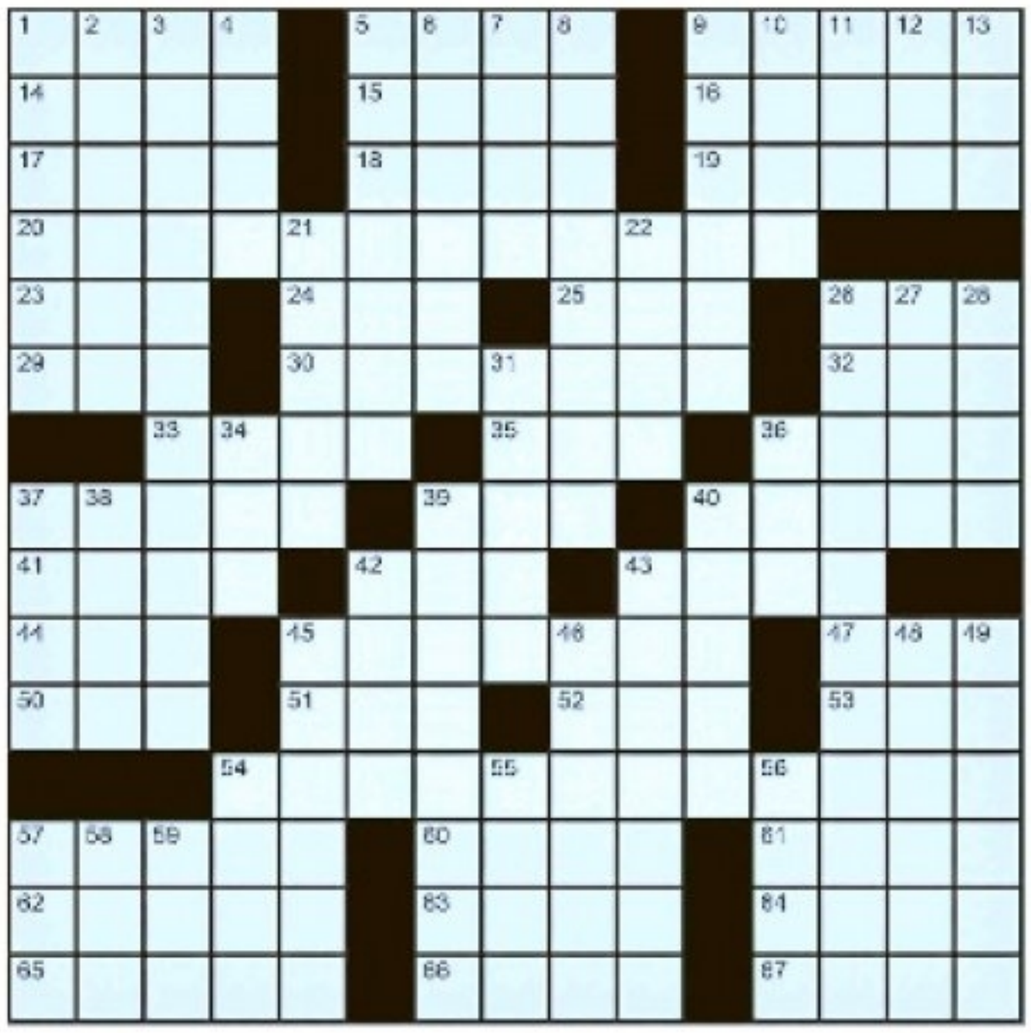

ACROSS
1. Island nation near Florida
5. Musician/radio personality John
9. Packs away
14. "Come __!" (Welcome!)
15. "To Live and Die __ _'_" (1985)
16. Leg bone
17. Hybrid citrus
18. Gramp's wife
19. Bakery embellishment
20. British actress who portrays late Nova Scotia folk artist Maud Lewis in "Maudie" (2016): 2 wds.
23. Vine variety
24. Conference room happening, briefly
25. Shakespeare's wee country
26. Impair
29. Catch
30. Distinctly
32. Nero's deuce-ace
33. "If __ be so bold as to..."
35. Grassy field
36. Fiend
37. Fermented soybean pastes
39. Nord's opposite
40. __ acetate (Type of solvent)
41. Honorific in Turkey
42. Entirely
43. Ship's mooring post
44. Jersey's call
45. Totally run-down
47. Winnipeg airport code
50. Dadaist Jean
51. __, Sept., Oct....
52. Bio info
53. Hideaway
54. Northwest __ (String of airstrips through Edmonton, Alberta to Fairbanks, Alaska used during WWII to ferry thousands of Lend-Lease planes from the United States to the Soviet Union)
57. Voyageur's transport
60. Peruvian empire
61. Gladiator's 1901
62. Whac-_-_ (Arcade game)
63. Goblet part
64. Some old theatres
65. Haida mythology character
66. Stockings
67. Web connectors, briefly

DOWN
1. Melissa McCarthy, to Jenny McCarthy
2. __ Bay (Body of water between Baffin Island in Nunavut and the northern Quebec region of Nunavik)
3. Toronto Island Airport named after this WWI flying ace: 2 wds.
4. Indigo
5. Way to seal a container to prevent leakage
6. Madden
7. Cabbage dish
8. Longed
9. Cheap
10. Partners for Tacs (Mint candies)
11. Sash sort
12. Succeed
13. Droop
21. Famous gyms
22. Internal
26. Hockey flick franchise, with The, on Vancouver-born actor Joshua Jackson's resume: 2 wds.
27. Ethereal
28. Louis of Manitoba's history
31. Gene Vincent's "Be-Bop-_-_"
34. Extinct bird
36. Baseball's Mel
37. Mother, sometimes
38. Mr. Stravinsky
39. Torpid
40. Duck type
42. __ blue
43. Sports... Highly anticipated team event: 2 wds.
45. Lustrous sheets fabric
46. Singer/actor Mr. Bass'
48. Being-cleaned hallway bucket item: 2 wds.
49. Metamorphic rock variety
54. Exclusive
55. Keen on
56. Actor Mr. Katz
57. Automobile
58. US docs' org.
59. It continues

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Remember to get more sleep and more rest at this time, because you need it. Discussions with partners and close friends are important.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might be focused on health issues right now. Fortunately, the next 12 months are a good time for you to restore your health or do something to improve it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Take time off for fun and pleasure if possible. A vacation in the next week would be perfect for you. Enjoy sports, playful activities with children and romantic getaways.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This continues to be a strong time for home and family issues. Your interaction with a parent or senior family member might be important. .

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Try to be as clear as possible in all your communications with others. This is a strong time for those of you who write, sell, market, teach and act.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Trust your money-making ideas during the next week. In fact, you also are giving a lot of thought to your values in life. What really matters?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a fortunate time for you while the Sun is in your sign, because people and favorable situations are attracted to you. Make the most of this!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This week is a good time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself because you like what you see in the mirror. You also want to socialize more, even though you are working behind the scenes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Talk to a friend about your future plans because he or she might have helpful suggestions for you. In fact, all your interactions with others will benefit you now.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
TBecause you look so good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs, don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Make your pitch. This is your hour!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel will be a rewarding experience for you now, because you want to learn something and expand your experience of life. Take a course or further training, if possible.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your interactions with others, especially with friends and groups, will be active now, perhaps physically. You will do well in competition with physical sports!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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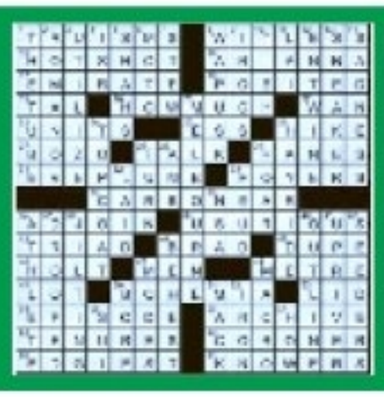

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